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Human resources management

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

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Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and budget for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005"[1] and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide a comprehensive report to the General Assembly at the main part of its fifty-ninth session on the use, including the conversion, of 300 series contracts, addressing in particular the strategy of the Organization for meeting current and future human resources requirements for peacekeeping missions, taking into account the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee;

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraphs 35 to 39 of its report[2] concerning the wholesale conversion, bearing in mind the fact that the General Assembly has taken no decision to support the replacement of the 300 series contracts as a mechanism for the employment of staff in peacekeeping missions;

[1] A/58/705.
[2] See A/58/759.

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3. *Decides* to suspend the application of the four-year maximum limit[3] for appointments of limited duration under the 300 series of the staff rules in peacekeeping operations, until 31 December 2004, pending a decision by the General Assembly on this matter at the fifty-ninth session.

[3] See resolution 52/216; ST/SGB/2004/3 and Corr.1, Scope and purpose of the 300 series of Staff Rules; and staff rules 301.1 (a) (ii) and 304.4 (b).

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Support account for peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 56/241 of 24 December 2001, 56/293 of 27 June 2002 and 57/318 of 18 June 2003, its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995 and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recognizing the importance of the United Nations being able to respond and deploy rapidly to a peacekeeping operation upon adoption of a relevant resolution of the Security Council, within thirty days for traditional peacekeeping operations and ninety days for complex peacekeeping operations,

Recognizing also the need for adequate support during all phases of peacekeeping operations, including the liquidation and termination phases,

Mindful that the level of the support account should broadly correspond to the mandate, number, size and complexity of peacekeeping missions,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations;[1]

2. *Reaffirms* the need for effective and efficient administration and financial management of peacekeeping operations, and urges the Secretary-General to

[1] A/58/703 and Add.1, A/58/705 and A/58/715.
[2] A/58/759 and A/58/760.

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continue to identify measures to increase the productivity and efficiency of the support account;

3. *Also reaffirms* the need for adequate funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, as well as the need for full justification for that funding in support account budget submissions;

4. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the relevant report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

5. *Decides* to maintain, for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, the funding mechanism for the support account used in the current period, from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004, as approved in paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/221 B of 7 June 1996;

6. *Reaffirms* the need for the Secretary-General to ensure that delegation of authority to the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat and field missions is in strict compliance with relevant resolutions and decisions and the relevant rules and procedures of the General Assembly on this matter;

7. *Also reaffirms* paragraph 15 of its resolution 56/293, regrets that the report requested in paragraph 10 of its resolution 57/318 was not submitted at its fifty-eighth session, and decides to consider it at its fifty-ninth session;

8. *Decides* to continue its consideration of the implementation of the restructuring of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, in the context of the review requested in paragraph 14 of resolution 57/318, at the second part of its resumed fifty-ninth session;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report at its fifty-ninth session on the status of the civilian rapid deployment roster, including measures to improve its utility, taking into account recent experiences with its use;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to review the level of the support account, including the need for existing posts, in future budget submissions, taking into consideration the number, size and complexity of peacekeeping operations;

11. *Notes with concern*, as observed by the Advisory Committee in paragraph 21 of its report,[3] that the implementation of paragraph 18 of resolution 57/318 is not consistent with the requirement of the resolution;

12. *Reiterates* paragraph 18 of resolution 57/318, and requests the Secretary-General to submit, during future considerations of the support account budget, information as outlined in paragraph 22 of the Advisory Committee report[3] with respect to posts that will have been vacant for at least 12 months by 30 June of a given year on the understanding that, in the interim, until such consideration by the General Assembly, the recruitment process will not be affected;

[3] A/58/760.

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

13. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[4]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

14. *Approves* the support account requirements in the amount of 121,610,300 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, including seven hundred and forty-three continuing and eighteen new temporary posts and their related post and non-post requirements;

Financing of the budget estimates

15. *Decides* that requirements for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 shall be financed as follows:

(a) The unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 8,478,600 dollars, comprising 8,350,800 dollars in respect of the period ended 30 June 2003 and the adjustment of 127,800 dollars related to the period ended 30 June 2001, to be applied to the resources required for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005;

(b) The increase of 59,000 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income, representing the difference between 682,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 and the adjustment of 741,000 dollars related to the period ended 30 June 2001, to be applied to the amount referred to in paragraph (a) above;

(c) The balance of 113,131,700 dollars to be prorated among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005;

(d) The estimated staff assessment income of 16,509,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 to be set off against the balance referred to in paragraph (c) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active peacekeeping operations.

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[4] A/58/703 and Add.1.

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Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

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Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly,

Having considered the financial report and audited financial statements for the twelve-month period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the report of the Board of Auditors on United Nations peacekeeping operations,[1] the related section of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] and the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning United Nations peacekeeping operations in respect of that period,[3]

1. *Accepts* the audited financial statements of the United Nations peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[4]

2. *Takes note* of the observations and endorses the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report;[5]

3. *Also takes note* of the observations, and endorses the recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] related to the report of the Board of Auditors;

4. *Commends* the Board of Auditors for the quality of its report and the streamlined format thereof;

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 5* (A/58/5), vol. II.
[2] A/58/759, sect. II.
[3] A/58/737.
[4] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 5* (A/58/5), vol. II, chap. V.
[5] See ibid., chap. II.

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5. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning United Nations peacekeeping operations in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003;[3]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that internal control in peacekeeping missions is improved with respect to the optimum use of audit resources;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors and the related recommendations of the Advisory Committee in a prompt and timely manner.

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Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/218 B of 29 July 1994, 54/244 of 23 December 1999, 56/241 and 56/246 of 24 December 2001 and 57/278 B of 18 June 2003,

Having considered the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on: the evaluation of the impact of the recent restructuring of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations;[1] the follow-up review of the status of recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on mission liquidation activities at the United Nations;[2] the administration of peacekeeping trust funds;[3] and the investigation into the fraudulent diversion of 4.3 million United States dollars by a senior staff member of the reconstruction pillar of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo,[4]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on: the evaluation of the impact of the recent restructuring of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations;[1] the follow-up review of the status of recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on mission liquidation activities at the United Nations;[2] the administration of peacekeeping trust funds;[3] and the investigation into the fraudulent diversion of $4.3 million by a senior staff member of the reconstruction pillar of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo;[4]

[1] A/58/746.
[2] A/57/622.
[3] A/58/613.
[4] A/58/592 and Corr.1.

2. *Decides* to revert to the consideration of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the policies and procedures for recruiting staff for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations[5] during its fifty-ninth session, in the context of its consideration of the items entitled "Human resources management" and "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the functioning of the United Nations peacekeeping operations";

3. *Notes* that the Board of Auditors will act upon General Assembly resolution 57/318 of 18 June 2003 once it has considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and assessed what additional evaluation it might provide,[6] and also notes that the General Assembly may revert at that time to the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services.

[5] A/58/704.

[6] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 5* (A/58/5), vol. II, chap. II, para. 6.

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Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Disengagement Observer Force; United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

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Strengthening the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 56/255 of 24 December 2001, 56/286 of 27 June 2002, 57/305 of 15 April 2003, 58/270 of 23 December 2003 and all relevant resolutions regarding the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises;

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises;[1]

Having also considered the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

1. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in its report,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. *Stresses* the need, for the purposes of objective analyses, for a dedicated functional staff at Headquarters to review the recommendations on country risk assessments made by security officers in the field with the assistance of and input from national authorities of the host country;

3. *Approves* the establishment of 58 new field security posts for the Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator, and decides, without prejudice to such decisions as may be arrived at regarding cost-sharing arrangements, to appropriate 2,583,000 United States dollars, being the portion of costs normally attributable to the United Nations using current formulas, and to revert to the required residual funding of 8,162,100 dollars at the fifty-ninth session when determining cost-sharing arrangements;

4. *Decides* to revert to the possible conversion of the 58 extrabudgetary field security posts for the Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator in the context of the comprehensive report at its fifty-ninth session;

5. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments not to exceed 38,033,200 dollars for the financing of infrastructure projects;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to it at its fifty-ninth session a comprehensive report on further strengthening the safety and security of United Nations operations, staff and premises, which should contain, inter alia, the following elements:

(a) Clearly established criteria for determining long-term needs;

(b) A rational framework for the enhancement of system-wide security arrangements, based on the completion of all ongoing reviews, including the change management study;

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[1] A/58/756.
[2] A/58/758.

(c) Time frames for the completion of the various projects proposed in the report of the Secretary-General,[1] as well as determinations as to which organizational units are responsible for their completion;

(d) Clearly established lines of accountability and responsibility and a clear chain of command for all participants in field security and at duty stations, including clarification of the relationship between all relevant United Nations entities and the Secretariat;

(e) Information on United Nations cooperation with and the role and responsibilities of host countries;

(f) Information on the need to ensure an enhanced professional capacity in the United Nations to conduct threat and risk assessment on a worldwide basis in order to address the issue raised in paragraph 18 of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

(g) Information on the utilization and cost of expertise sought on safety and security;

(h) Information on the need for adequate security-related training for all United Nations staff;

(i) Analysis and recommendations on long-term funding arrangements for the Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator and related resource requirements;

7. *Decides* that the resource requirements in the requested report should be based on and justified in terms of the Secretary-General's comprehensive review of safety and security;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust to the Office of Internal Oversight Services the conduct of an audit review of the utilization and management of the funds appropriated by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/286 for the implementation of measures to strengthen the security and safety of United Nations premises, including the causes for cost escalation and compliance with procurement procedures, and to report to the Assembly at its fifty-ninth session in conjunction with the comprehensive report on strengthening the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises;

9. *Decides* to approve an additional appropriation under the regular budget in the amount of 18,287,100 dollars, broken down as follows:

Section 3, Political affairs	2 866 100
Section 4, Disarmament	70 200
Section 5, Peacekeeping operations	3 774 100
Section 7, International Court of Justice	84 000
Section 18, Economic and social development in Africa	55 700
Section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	592 900
Section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	80 900
Section 22, Economic and social development in Western Asia	233 400
Section 28, Public information	186 200
Section 29A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management	500 000
Section 29C, Office of Human Resources Management	326 800
Section 29D, Office of Central Support Services	1 672 100
Section 29E, Administration, Geneva	2 683 500
Section 29F, Administration, Vienna	1 931 900
Section 29G, Administration, Nairobi	646 300
Section 31, Jointly financed administrative activities	2 583 000
Total	**18 287 100**

10. *Also decides* to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of 48,700 dollars under section 34, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount of income under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

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Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

Questions deferred for future consideration

The General Assembly decides to defer to its fifty-ninth session consideration of the following agenda items and related documents:

Item 121
Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of possible funding arrangements for the capital master plan;[1]

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(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions as at 30 June 2003;[2]

(c) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions;[3]

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund;[4]

(e) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund;[5]

[1] A/58/729.
[2] A/58/778.
[3] A/58/799.
[4] A/58/724.
[5] A/58/732.

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(f) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the procurement of goods and services through letters of assist.[6]

[6] A/57/718